The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on October 9, 2019. Board Vice Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including: District I representative Sharrie Cranford, Vice Chair District II representative Kai Mumpfield District III representative Valeri White District V representative Dr. Octavio Ramirez District VI representative Marilyn Colson District VII representative Shea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson was also present for the meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the August 8, 2019, meeting were reviewed. Valeri White made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed. One abstention.

Old Board Business

- a. Executive Director Rachel Dickinson updated the Board on status of complaints. There are currently three (3) pending complaints.
- Valeri White made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Dr. Octavio Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business

- a. No Board members have been invited to speak at a conference or program.
- b. ED Dickinson provided the Board with a Finance Report Update. The Board's finances are in good standing.
- c. Valeri White and Shea Cobb-England updated the Board on the Supervision subcommittee meeting with ASWB and the progress that was made. Kai Mumpfield was added to the

subcommittee and a meeting was set to work through suggestions and changes to the current rules.

d. New Issues/Concerns

- ED Dickinson reminded everyone about the upcoming meeting with ACHE and UA on October 16th.
- ii. A motion was made by Marilyn Colson to accept the informal agreement signed by Mr. Pate for the purpose of earning extra continuing education as part of a disciplinary action. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. ED Dickinson asked permission to attend the 2020 Alabama Conference on Social Work in February in Orange Beach and to have a booth as was provided in 2019. All members agreed it would be beneficial.
- iv. ED Dickinson distributed the PowerPoint from Shea Cobb-England for review and asked for changes to be emailed. Once changes are made the original can be kept in the Director's Office and will be sent as needed to Board Members to use when making presentations.

Other Requests

a. A motion was made by Sharrie Cranford at 10:05 a.m. to go into an executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the name and good character of a licensee. Kai Mumpfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 10:20 a.m. Valeri White made a motion to end the closed session. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marilyn Colson made a motion to go back into closed session for up to thirty (30) minutes. Octavio Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Valeri White to end the second closed session at 10:45 a.m. Octavio Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to deny Ms. Hardnett's request to reapply for the licensure exam. Kai Mumpfield seconded the motion. Discussion began between Ms. Cobb-England and Board Attorney Ellen Leonard about the difficulty to prove inconsistencies in a court of law. Ms. Mumpfield agreed that we cannot stand on the inconsistencies for voting. Dr. Ramirez, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Cobb-England stated that denying the request and asking Ms. Hardnett to wait one year would be beneficial. Ms. Mumpfield agreed. Mrs. Cranford made a motion to amend the original motion to include a term of one year. Ms. Mumpfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PIP Applications

- a. Brewer, Pamela Approved Clinical Social Work
- b. Bright, Rose Approved Clinical Social Work
- c. Dixon, Deborah Approved for Social Casework & Social Work Administration

- d. Little, Jessica Approved for Social Casework & Clinical Social Work
- e. McCamy, Shelia Approved for Social Casework. Denied Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration.
- f. McWilliams, Katie Approved Social Casework
- g. Morris, Charlie Approved for Social Casework & Clinical Social Work. Denied Social Work Administration.
- h. Peoples, Veronica Approved for Social Casework & Social Work Administration. Denied Clinical Social Work, Community Organization & Social Work Research.
- i. Simpson, Erica Approved for Social Casework & Clinical Social Work.
- j. Slay, Jennifer Approved for Social Casework. Denied Clinical Social Work.
- k. Vanhorn, Jennifer Approved Social Casework.
- Wade, Jewel Approved for Social Casework & Clinical Social Work. Denied Community Organization.

Requesting Reconsideration or Addition:

- m. Salter, Nathan Approved for Clinical Social Work.
- n. Thomas, Melissa Approved for Clinical Social Work.

The date for the next Board meeting will be November 4, 2019. Mrs. White moved to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Mrs. Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharrie Cranford Board Vice Chair Amy Smith Secretary